

# ALASKA POTATO STOCKS

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Potato stocks in storage of January 1, 2001 totaled 89,800 cwt. Stocks on hand accounted for 70 percent of the 2000 crop and compares with 146,000 cwt on hand a year ago. The five-year average stocks on hand for January 1 totaled 122,900 cwt. Disappearance since December 1 totaled 13,700 cwt compared with the average 12,300 cwt. Disappearance of potatoes from the start of the harvest to January 1 totaled 39,200 cwt compared with a disappearance of 39,000 cwt a year earlier.

**TANANA VALLEY** potato growers had 14,200 cwt in storage January 1, 73 percent of 2000 crop. Last year, 39,300 cwt of potatoes or 81 percent of production were in storage on January 1.

**MATANUSKA VALLEY** cellars held 75,000 cwt or 69 percent of 2000 production. Last year, 106,000 cwt or 79 percent of production was in storage on January 1.

**KENAI PENINSULA** growers had about 600 cwt in storage on January 1, down from 700 cwt a year ago.

**15 MAJOR STATES** potato stocks on hand totaled a record high 273 million cwt on January 1, 2001, up 14 percent from last year and 4 percent above the previous record set in 1997. Storage accounted for 59 percent of 2000 fall production, up 2 percent from a year ago. **WESTERN STATES** held 200 million cwt of potatoes in storage on January 1, 2001, up 17 percent from last year and 16 percent above 1999. Washington's potato stocks were up 32 percent from a year ago, while Idaho stocks were up 16 percent, and Oregon's were up 12 percent. Colorado was up 2 percent and Montana gained 5 percent. California's stocks were down 22 percent from a year ago.

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# POTATO STOCKS - JANUARY 1, 2001

AREA	STOCKS				PRODUCTION		Jan. 1 Stocks as Percent of Production	
	JAN. 1		DEC. 1					
	2001	2000 1/	2000	1999	2000	1999 1/	2001	2000
	----- 1,000 Cwt -----						-- Percent --	
Tanana Valley	14.2	39.3	15.7	41.6	19.5	48.8	73%	81%
Matanuska Valley	75.0	106.0	87.1	115.0	108.5	135.0	69%	79%
Kenai Peninsula	.6	.7	.7	.9	1.0	1.2	60%	58%
TOTAL	89.8	146.0	103.5	157.5	129.0	185.0	70%	79%

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STOCKS ARE DEFINED AS THE QUANTITY REMAINING IN STORAGE FOR ALL PURPOSES AND USES, INCLUDING SHRINKAGE AND WASTE AND OTHER LOSSES AFTER JANUARY 1.

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